related to the customs and traditions of the naval service.

§ 700.305 Naval Vessel Register, classification of naval craft, and status of ships and service craft.

- (a) The Chief of Naval Operations shall be responsible for the Naval Vessel Register (except the Secretary of the Navy shall strike vessels from the Register) and the assignment of classification for administrative purposes to water-borne craft and the designation of status for each ship and service craft. The classification of water-borne craft and the status of ships and service craft are found in the glossary.
- (b) Commissioned vessels and craft shall be called "United States Ship___" or "U.S.S.___".
- (c) Civilian manned ships of the Military Sealift Command or other commands designated "active status, in service" shall be called "United States Naval Ship____" or "U.S.N.S.____".
- (d) Ships and service craft designated "active status, in service," except those described by paragraph c of this article, shall be referred to by name, when assigned, classification, and hull number (e.g., "HIGHPOINT PCH-1" or "YOGN-8").
- (e) The Chief of Naval Operations shall designate hospital ships and medical aircraft as he deems necessary. Such designation shall be in compliance with the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Conditions of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of the Armed Forces at Sea of 12 August 1949 and he shall ensure compliance with the notice provisions of that Convention.

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§ 700.306 The Chief of Naval Material.

The Chief of Naval Material, under the command of the Chief of Naval Operations, shall command the Naval Material Command. In addition to the tasks which may be assigned by the Chief of Naval Operations, he shall:

(a) Provide direct staff assistance to the Secretary of the Navy and the Civilian Executive Assistants in matters pertaining to contracting, procurement, production and exploratory development, laboratories assigned to the Chief of Naval Material and to related matters. In these areas, the Chief of Naval Material shall inform the Chief of Naval Operations and, when appropriate, the Commandant of the Marine Corps in matters of policy and significant actions.

- (b) Be responsive directly to the Commandant of the Marine Corps in providing necessary planning and programming data requirements and in meeting those particular material support needs of the U.S. Marine Corps which are required to be provided by the Naval Material Command.
- (c) Provide the Commandant of the Marine Corps with timely advice concerning training and technical requirements essential for the operation and maintenance by Marine Corps personnel of new equipment under development.
- (1) Be responsive to the heads of other organizations in meeting their material support needs which are provided by the Naval Material Command.
- (2) Provide guidance to Navy and Marine Corps Commands, as required, on functional areas related to Naval Material Command acquisition and logistics support responsibilities and other technical or professional matters as appropriate.

§ 700.307 The Chief of Naval Personnel and the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

The Chief of Naval Personnel, under the command of the Chief of Naval Operations, shall command the Bureau of Naval Personnel. The Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, (who is also the Surgeon General of the Navy), under the command of the Chief of Naval Operations, shall command the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. In addition to the tasks which may be assigned by the Chief of Naval Operations, they shall:

- (a) Be responsive directly to the Commandant of the Marine Corps in meeting those particular needs of the United States Marine Corps which are required to be provided by their respective bureaus.
- (b) Be responsive to the heads of other organizations in meeting the particular needs of such organizations which are provided by the Chief of